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An informed Glades farmer said this week: "Whenever vegetable growers in this section learn that irrigation and drainage are two important factors, then and not until then, farming on the shores of Lake Okechobee will become less hazardous."

The Pahokee high school band is giving a concert on the night of February 28th, to raise funds to defray expenses of the band to the state music contest on the West Coast early in April. Be sure and do your part in buying a ticket for the concert. It is the first participation by the local band in any state affair and we wish them every bit of success possible.

The county school board is losing no time in perfecting plans for carrying out the new school building program in the Glades section. Officials of the board are in Tallahassee this week in conference with state school officials. Plans are being scrutinized. Everything will be in readiness for the start seen after the bids are received on Friday, Feb. 28.

On Monday conducted by Mrs. G. J. B. of South Bay, Glades County president. The speakers at the luncheon were Miss Lou Hunter, American Red Cross nurse who speaks on "Homes in Relation to National Defense," Lucile Barnes, of South Bay, "National Club Conference" which was held at Palm Beach county delegate in Chicago.

A silver living cup was presented to the Council by the State Association for the excellent work done in the county units during 1940.

WILLKIE EMBARRASSES HIS PARTY

In 1910 there appeared on the American scene a man by the name of Wendell Willkie, who seems destined to play a large role in the Nation's political life. His great physical energy, his independence of thought and his great following among the rank and file of voters are ample indications that he is just beginning his public career.

Unlike Governor Landon, whose presidential campaign was the beginning and end for him as a national figure of prominence, Willkie has grown in stature since his election. He has become a national figure second only to that of the President.

What fate has in store for Willkie, the course of future events must show. At the present writing, it must be admitted that he has become one of the Nation's most influential and popular figures—a dynamo of energy not equaled in the Republican Party, since Theodore Roosevelt.

He has given the nation, restricted thinking of the Republican leaders, who have not had a new idea in thirty years, a rude jolt and they do not like that. As a result of their opposition, he may be unable to rejuvenate the old party. In other ways he stands above party lines and it would not be surprising to see him a member of the Roosevelt administration for many months. He is a likely candidate for president in 1944, as an independent or a candidate of one of the minor parties, and excluding the possibility of his return to the Democratic fold.—Delroy Beach News.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

By Russell Kuy

Thirty-six years ago, in the Blue town of Stafford, Kansas, four young men, all of whom were together to form a quartet. The group was "declared and became a quartet" singing at various social gatherings and in churches. They had no professional ambitions and sang as a group simply because they found enjoyment in doing so.

For a number of years they remained together, but as a quartet, they were not successful in their efforts to drift apart. They maintained contact with each other, however, through the years, and remember a pledge made among them when they first sang together.

They had all been alive and able at the age of thirty they would again get together and sing. But one of them had given them and countless others so much pleasure in and around Stafford, Kansas, at the turn of the century.

One of these young men was a class named N. E. Reese, who came to Florida to seek his fortune in the citrus industry. He had been in Florida for some time when he met a publisher of the "Arcadian," a paper which reported throughout the state the news of the citrus industry and other news. Always a leader in civic activities, Reese had played a most important part in the development of his community and his state.

He had been taken an active part in promoting the welfare of the state, as a past president of the Florida State Press Association, and is known and loved by his neighbors from Pensacola to Key West. An able editor, his writings, originally intended for "Arcadian" subscribers, are now being published in other papers. It is a fact that at one time or another most of the papers in Florida had found occasion to quote "Nate E. Reese of the 'Arcadian'."

At Dunedin another able newspaperman is making a name for himself as publisher of another excellent and respected Florida paper, the Dunedin Times. A good deal younger than Nate E. Reese, this chap whose name is C. W. Cleary also has done much for the press of the state. Much of his success is due to the competent assistance of his attractive and charming wife who has worked with him in the development of one of the most successful and profitable newspaper and printing establishments in the state.

You are wondering, no doubt, what connection there might be between a quartet organized in Stafford, Kansas nearly 40 years ago, a fellow named Reese in Arcadia, and a successful young couple by the name of Cleary here in Dunedin.

Well, it happens that Mrs. Cleary is the daughter of Harry Black, formerly of Kansas and now a resident of Portales, New Mexico, where he operates a thriving lumber business—and this same Harry Black was one of the four young men who organized a quartet at Stafford, Kansas, in 1904.

So now the plot thickens, to take in two Florida newspaper folks and carry us as far west as New Mexico. One member of the quartet still lives in Stafford, R. Boyd Wallace, baritone, and leader of the group who is in the insurance and investment business. The fourth member, Floyd Henry, first tenor, now resides in Sterling, Kansas, where he is a successful real estate broker.

Remembering their pledge to get together again at the age of sixty, R. Boyd Wallace of Stafford, Kansas, Harry Black of Portales, New Mexico, and Floyd Henry of Sterling, Kansas, accepted the invitation of Nate E. Reese of Arcadia to hold the long-awaited reunion in sunny Florida and the group met in Tampa this week to again blend their voices for the first time in nearly 35 years.

The amazing thing is that after all these years each of these men is in the best of health and none had lost the ability to harmonize. It was quite a treat to hear them and from the way they performed you would think that they had been together constantly. Since their reunion here a few days ago they have made several public appearances, singing at Dunedin, Tampa and Arcadia, and a majority of the reunion is going about the group is being made up of individuals and they are getting a real kick out of it. This week they made records of such old favorites as "Love's Old Sweet Song," "Until the Dawn," "In the Evening," "I'll Take You Back Again Kathleen," "When Day Fades" and many others. They are scheduled also for radio appearances before they again separate to return to their respective homes.

Friendship over the years is a wonderful and precious thing and it is a small and kindly world where it exists. Florida salutes the Stafford Quartet. May each member enjoy the best of health and prosperity to the end that other and more frequent reunions will follow.

Wants To Join Uncle Sam's Navy

Billy Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Allen of South Bay, wants to join the U. S. Navy, but in order to do so, underwent an operation for removal of his tonsils which had grown 4 or 5 to his acceptance. Bill hopes that it will not be long now till he can be wearing a navy uniform.

TOURS STATE

John R. Beuchan, president-designate of the Florida Senate, is now on a state-wide tour discussing committee appointments and other details of the coming session of the State Legislature with

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Community Group Names New Officers
The Belle Glade Community Group met on Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. J. W. Cleary, and organized for the coming year by re-electing Arnold Reese from the Moore as chairman, a former officer elected vice-president, Mr. R. L. B. as secretary, Mrs. J. W. Cleary as treasurer, Miss James as finance chairman, H. L. Baker, director, Mrs. J. W. Cleary and Mrs. J. P. H. as members. It was made that the officers of the group were being elected successfully. Some members will be awarded the money at Camp Okechobee, where they are being given a tour of the camp. The benefit of the group is the citizens and has shown that the citizens can last substitute night entertainers the treasury to the sum of \$125.00.

Malcolm Innes, one of the 1940 manufacturers of action goods in the world, is planning to bring forth at an early date action goods to be known as "Mardi Gras." They will portray scenes at Mardi Gras and will be made into valuable dresses and play suits.

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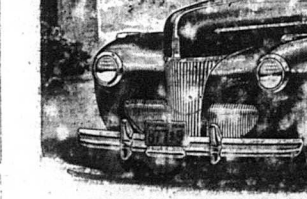
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